



# WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 355

## In Attendance:

Bruce Barnes, Traffic Engineer; Highway Commissioner Representative  
Lieutenant Paul Beal; Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator  
Sergeant Chris DeMotto, Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative  
Ms. Mitzi Dobersek; Wisconsin DOT Highway Engineering Representative  
Mr. Corey Foster; DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety  
Lieutenant Mark Garry; Village of Pewaukee Police Department Representative  
Officer Ryan Jacobs; City of Delafield Police Department Representative  
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative  
Kathleen Roe; Education Representative  
Sergeant Steve Rudie; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative  
Sergeant Eric Schmidt; Town of Mukwonago Police Department Representative  
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Paul Beal at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 355.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Steve Rudie, of the Menomonee Falls Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes from 02-10-15. Lieutenant Mark Garry, of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

## ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Kathleen Roe, the Education Representative, was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Committee.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT**

Corey Foster, from the DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety, stated the 2015 Governor's Conference On Highway Safety will be from 08-25-2015 to 08-27-2015, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

The Task Force Summit will be on 05-27-2015 at Fox Valley Technical College, in Appleton.

Corey Foster passed out a handout entitled "Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)" from the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). DDACTS is a law enforcement operational model supported by a partnership with NHTSA and the Department of Justice that integrates location-based crime and traffic crash data to determine the most effective methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources. The goal of DDACTS is to reduce crime, crashes, and traffic violations across the country. Training for the southeast region is scheduled for 08-31-2015 through 09-02-2015 in Milwaukee.

A handout entitled, "Daily Fatality Report" from 05-05-2015 showed that fatalities for 2015 have been very high. This year's fatalities are at 153, compared to last year at 117. This year's fatal crashes are at 143, compared to last year at 103.

The Click It or Ticket mobilization for safety belt enforcement will be from 05-18-2015 through 05-31-2015.

NHTSA has appointed a new regional administrator in May of 2015, Darin Jones. NHTSA also did publications reference texting while driving. This study showed from 2012 to 2013 an increase in texting while driving, however, showed a decrease in using handheld phones, but are using some other device while driving.

Corey Foster also passed out a handout, "Traffic Safety Facts" from NHTSA, "Motorcycle Helmet Use in 2014 – Overall Results". It showed an increase in the number of motorcycle helmets used.

Southeastern Wisconsin OWI Task Force meeting is on 05-12-2015 and will be talking about funding for Task Force for next year. The Task Force has grown in the southeastern region from 2 to 35 Task Forces in the area. Corey Foster stated that it is the move of the future in terms of collaboration of agencies working together.

**COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS****❖ Education**

Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe stated she attended a bicycle safety program on the Glacial Drumlin Bike Trail, and a question was brought up whether or not bicycles have to stop at the marked stop signs when they cross the road. It was brought up at the bicycle safety program that if it is marked on the pavement, the bicycles do not have to stop but the cars do have to stop. Sergeant Mark Tushaus stated it is not an official regulation sign or motor vehicle or bicycle traffic, however, the Department Of Natural Resources laws may state differently. The biggest concern is where the bike trail crosses Highway 67. The question is whether there could be signage or crosswalk markings for traffic on Highway 67 to stop when the bikes cross Highway 67. Mitzi Dobersek stated she would check into this.

❖ Highway Commission

Lieutenant Beal brought up the old business from the last meeting reference the pavement markings on Highway 83 south construction near the Highway D/DE roundabout. A citizen was asking if the double yellow marking could be etched out, as it was on the driver's right side which led to confusion, especially at night. The problem has been corrected, and the double yellow line has been removed. Lieutenant Beal stated as you go westbound on Highway 18 into the round-about from Highway 83 there is a yield sign in the middle of the road. It is confusing where you should go, and the lines are not consistent with the signage. It is not marked properly and confusing. The turning angle is so sharp that it is not safe. Mitzi Dobersek stated she would check into the matter.

**HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS**

There were no fatalities during this quarter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Corey Foster stated that Donald Driver will hold a news conference to promote safety belt use at 10:00 a.m., on 05-28-2015, at the Issac Coggs Heritage Health Center in Milwaukee as part of the Click It or Ticket mobilization which runs from 05-18-15 to 05-31-15. Others in attendance will be Lieutenant Governor Kleefisch and Wisconsin Department Of Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb.

Sergeant Mark Tushaus brought up to Mitzi Dobersek if there were any complaints on Capitol Drive between Highway 16 and CTH J in reference to timing of lights. Mitzi Dobersek stated she had not heard of any complaints but will check into the matter.

Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe asked why turning right on a red light was removed coming off the freeway onto Highway 83. Mitzi Dobersek stated it was due to accidents. Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe also asked if you can ever turn right on a red from the left lane when there are two turn lanes only going right. The answer was 'no'.

Sergeant Eric Schmidt, from the Town of Mukwonago Police Department, stated that Sergeant Chris DeMotto is Lieutenant Kenneth Pileggi's replacement from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department.

**NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED**

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 355 of the Waukesha County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sergeant Mark Tushaus. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant  
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

**(MINUTES APPROVED ON 08-11-15 WITH THE AMENDMENT AS LISTED BELOW.)**

There was one amendment to the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting as follows:

The amendment should be made on Page #2, under the section "Commission Member Reports" – Education. The amendment is in the third sentence which currently reads: *"Sergeant Mark Tushaus stated it is not an official regulation sign nor motor vehicle or bicycle traffic, however, the Department Of Natural Resources laws may state differently."* It should be changed to read as follows: *"Sergeant Mark Tushaus stated if the signs are not official regulation signs there are no way to enforce them, unless there are Department Of Natural Resources rules and rights that apply; however, they still have to yield the right of way to any highway traffic regardless of what the signs are."*